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URANIUM FOUND IN LADAKH
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether scientists have found Uranium in exceptionally high concentration in Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether samples of rock has been analyzed to find out the Uranium content;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for exploration of such reserves?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) to (d) The scientists of the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of the Department of Atomic Energy, have participated for 3 years during 1973-75 in Puga-Chumathang multi-purpose multi-disciplinary project of the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ladakh area. Detailed investigations have been carried out near Chumathang area. AMD has reported low grade uranium mineralization in association with fluorite mineralization in a shear zone from Chumathang area. Grab samples (whole rock) have been analyzed and found to contain up to 0.021% U_3O_8.

(e) In view of no significant uranium mineralization, there is no plan for further exploration.